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The Honorable Paul Opsommer
Chairman, House Transportation Committee
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Dear Chairman Opsommer:

As President and CEO of Business Leaders for Michigan, I am writing in support of Senate Bills 909-912 and 967 which allow for the creation of a Southeast Michigan Regional Transit Authority.

Right now, southeastern Michigan is the largest region in the nation without a viable rapid transit system. The proposed Southeast Michigan Regional Transit Authority represents more than just a way for the people of Southeast Michigan get to school and work; it will also promote the industrial, commercial, and residential development which is vital to the economic growth and quality of life in the region. That's good for the entire state.

These bills would provide an opportunity to create a world-class transit system and play a critical role in the creation of a prosperous southeast Michigan and a prosperous state. On behalf of Business Leaders for Michigan, I respectfully seek the committee's support for this important measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Rothwell", is written over a horizontal line.

Doug Rothwell
President & CEO

cc: The Honorable Rick Snyder, Governor
The Honorable Brian Calley, Lieutenant Governor
The Honorable Randy Richardville, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Jase Bolger, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Tom Casperson, State Senator
The Honorable Bert Johnson, State Senator
The Honorable Virgil Smith, State Senator
The Honorable Ben Glardon, State Representative
The Honorable Wayne A. Schmidt, State Representative
The Honorable Matt Huuki, State Representative
The Honorable Bradford C. Jacobsen, State Representative
The Honorable Paul Muxlow, State Representative